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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

11 FOR DISTRICT OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

12 VLADIMIR A. BALAREZO, ET AL.,
 13 individually and on behalf of others similarly
 situated

14 Plaintiff,
 15 vs.

16 NTH CONNECT TELECOM INC., AND
 17 STEVEN CHEN,

18 Defendants

Case No.:C07-05243 JF

**DECLARATION OF LUIS FERNANDO
 CHIARELLA IN SUPPORT OF
 PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR APPROVAL
 OF HOFFMANN-LA ROCHE NOTICE**

Date: May 2, 2008
 Time: 9:00 AM
 Judge: Jeremy Fogel

19 I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

20 1. I am over 18 years old, and I am the Plaintiff in this case. I have personal
 21 knowledge of the matters stated herein. If called upon to testify before this Court, I would and
 could do so to the same effect.

22 2. I was employed by Defendant Nth Connect Telecom Inc. ("Nth Connect") as an
 23 Installation Technician approximately from March 2007 to approximately July 2007.

1 3. My duties as an Installation Technician at the Nth Connect were to install cable
2 equipments for Comcast at the customers' houses as dispatched at various specified time periods
3 during the day.

4 4. I was compensated by piece for the work I performed. Specifically, I was
5 compensated a specific rate for each installation I had completed. The piece rate would vary,
6 depending on the nature of the particular job I was dispatched to perform. At the end of each pay
7 period, Nth Connect would give me an earnings statement that summarized all the work I
8 performed during the pay period, and the amount I earned for that pay period. Exhibit 1 hereto is
9 a true and accurate copy of the earnings statement issued to me for the period from April 15 to
10 April 28, 2007. As demonstrated by Exhibit 1, the amount I earned bore no relation to the hours
11 I worked during the pay period.

12 5. I was never paid according to an agreed-upon hourly rate.

13 6. My pay was never based on the number of hours I worked.

14 7. In processing the payroll, Nth Connect would arbitrarily assign me an artificial
15 hourly rate at or near the minimum wage, and reverse engineer the payroll calculation using the
16 number of hours shown on my daily time cards. As result, my payroll statement would show
17 that I was paid an hourly rate near the minimum wage for regular hours worked within 8 hours
18 per day or 40 hours per week, and time and one-half of that falsified hourly rate for hours
19 worked in excess of 8 hours per day or 40 hours per week. Such reverse-engineered hourly
20 earnings for a particular pay period would inevitably differ from the amount I actually earned
21 based on the installation work I performed during that pay period. Nth Connect would then list
22 an extra amount as "bonus", "gas reimbursements", "expenses" and "tools", etc. to make up the
23 difference so that the gross amount I received from Nth Connect per pay period as reflected on
24 the payroll statement for that period would always confirm with the amount I earned based on
25 the installation work performed, while in reality, I was not paid any amount in addition to the
earnings from installations based on piece rate. Exhibit 2 hereto is a true and correct copy of

pay stub for the period from April 15 to April 28, 2007 which was reverse-engineered to make it appear that I was paid by an hourly rate for regular hours and one and one-half of that hourly rate for overtime hours worked.

8. Based on my personal knowledge of Nth Connect's operations that I gained during my employment with Nth Connect, I know that none of the Techs received overtime pay premiums. I often spoke with other Techs during my tenure about our terms and conditions of employment. From my own experience, what I learned from my managers, I learned that Nth Connect observed a uniform policy applicable to all Techs of paying only piece rate earnings from the installations performed despite that Techs worked substantial overtime hours every week.

I declare under penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and accurate.

Dated: April 2, 2008

By: /s/ Luis Fernando Chiarella
Luis Fernando Chiarella